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SUBJ: PRAVDA REPORTS IRAQI-KURDISH CLASHES

1. SUMMARY: PRAVDA (APRIL 26) SURFACES EXISTENCE OF IRAQI-KURDISH CLASHES IN FIRST REPORT WE HAVE SEEN HERE THAT KURDS ARE OPENLY RESISTING GOI AUTONOMY PLAN. ARTICLE MAINTAINS FULL SOVIET SUPPORT FOR GOI AND BLAMES KURDISH RESISTANCE ON INTERFERENCE OF (UNSPECIFIED) IMPERIALISTS AND REACTIONARIES. END SUMMARY.

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2. STORY ON KURDISH ARMED RESISTANCE REPORTS THAT KURDISH LEADERS HAVE REFUSED TO ACCEPT GOI AUTONOMY PLAN ALTHOUGH PROGRAM ASSURES KURDS OF THEIR "DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL AND SOCIAL RIGHTS WITHIN THE IRAQI REPUBLIC." CITING FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS, ARTICLE SAYS THAT KURDISH LEADERSHIP COULD NOT HAVE MANAGED TO DECIDE ON RESISTANCE WITHOUT INTERFERENCE OF IMPERIALIST AND OTHER REACTIONARY FORCES. OUTSIDERS ARE STRIVING TO DIVIDE KURD FROM ARAB AND WEAKEN IRAQI PROGRESSIVE REGIME AND ARE SUPPLYING KURDS WITH ARMS AND FINANCIAL AID.

3. ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT KURDISH PROGRESSIVES AND IRAQI COMMUNIST PARTY HAVE CALLED FOR MEASURES TO PREVENT IMPERIALIST INTERFERENCE IN IRAQI INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF KURDISH PROBLEM ON BASIS OF MARCH 1970 AGREEMENT AND LAW ON KURDISH AUTONOMY.

4. PRAVDA (SAME DATE) ALSO CARRIES TASS ITEM ANNOUNCING SIGNATURE OF A SOVIET-IRAQI MARITIME SHIPPING AGREEMENT. WE SEE JUXTAPOSITION OF TWO ARTICLES AS EFFORT TO AUGMENT DEMONSTRATION OF SOVIET SUPPORT FOR GOI.
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